

Remarks

Claims 1-85 are currently pending in the Application. Claims 3, 7-11, 14-17, 19-22, 25, 29-33, 36-39, 41-44, 47, 51-55, 58-61, 63, 73-77 and 82-85 are withdrawn. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 12, 18, 23, 24, 26-28, 34, 40, 45, 46, 48-50, 56, 62 and 66-81 are rejected. Claims 12, 13, 34, 35, 56, 57 and 65 are objected to.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 12, 13, 34, 35, 56, 57 and 65 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Summary of Claim Amendments

While the Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rationale for rejecting the claims, in the interest of moving the examination forward, the Applicant has amended the claims as follows:

the limitations of claim 12 have been incorporated in claim 1,
the limitations of claim 34 have been incorporated in claim 23,
the limitations of claim 56 have been incorporated in claim 45.

Corresponding amendments have been made to claims 12, 13, 34, 35, 56, 57, 67, 73, 78 and 82.

Regarding Claim 1, 2, 4-6, 18, 23, 24, 26-28, 40, 45, 46, 48-50, 62, 64, 66-72 and 78-81:

In view of the above amendments to incorporate the limitations of the allowable claims into the predecessor claims all claims are now in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all claims as presented herein.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 50-3984. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 50-3984.

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